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### SAN JOSE Builds

## San José's Bentek First Recipient of Strategic Equity Funds

*New Economic Development Catalyst Program Begins with Bentek Manufacturing*

The Economic Development Catalyst Program (EDCP) has chosen Bentek Manufacturing, Inc. as the first recipient of an investment from its strategic equity investment program. San José-based Bentek, providers of high-complexity subsystems and assemblies to capital equipment manufacturers, will receive

success story of growth and innovation."

The EDCP/PCV investment will fund the expansion of Bentek's operations by providing increased working capital in support of the Company's growing revenues. Over the next several years, Bentek plans to hire a significant

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\$350,000 in investment capital from The City of San José and \$2,575,000 from co-investors, including Pacific Community Ventures (PCV) and its affiliates.

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number of new employees in their San Jose headquarters. Thanks, in part to this infusion of capital, Bentek is expected to record its second largest quarter in its history. For more information on EDCP contact Steven Brewster at [Steven.Brewster@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Steven.Brewster@sanjoseca.gov).

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The Mission of the City of San José is to provide quality public services, facilities and opportunities that create, sustain and enhance a safe, livable and vibrant community for its diverse residents, businesses and visitors.

## SAN JOSE **Builds** *continued*

### **San José Redevelopment Agency Wins Sixth Consecutive International Award for Financial Reporting**

*Award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting*

The San José Redevelopment Agency has won the international award “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the sixth consecutive year.

The “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Fi-

Redevelopment Agency. “It is important for our Agency to keep the public informed on how we are continuing to invest in the community.”

GFOA is a nonprofit professional state/provincial organization serving approximately 15,000 government finance professionals since 1906. The Certificate Program was established in 1945 to recognize

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nance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. It represents a major accomplishment for a government organization and its management. The Agency’s CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate the financial story to the public and to motivate users to read and use the CAFR.

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government entities that adhere to GFOA’s program standards. For more information on GFOA, please visit <http://www.gfoa.org/>. For more information on the San José Redevelopment Agency, visit <http://www.sjredevelopment.org> or contact Helen de Runa at [helen.deruna@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:helen.deruna@sanjoseca.gov).

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## Builds *continued*

### We'd like to thank the Academy

*Joint Transportation Projects Win Major Awards*

The City of San José, in partnership with several community partners, took home two major awards. The California Transportation Federation annually gives "Tranny" awards to outstanding transportation projects throughout California. This year, DOT was a partner in receiving an award for the **Route 880/Coleman Avenue Interchange Upgrade** project. The award was given to the City of San José Department of Transportation (SJDOT), VTA, Caltrans, URS (design consultant) and Pavex (construction contractor) partnership.

The 880/Coleman project was initiated and planned by SJDOT to upgrade this key gateway to the Mineta San José International Airport and Downtown San José. The remarkable accomplishment was that the project was planned, funded and completed within a six-year period – an amazing achievement since major transportation investments usually take more than a decade to complete. For more information on transportation projects contact [Linda.CrabillByrne@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Linda.CrabillByrne@sanjoseca.gov).

The Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) awarded the **Vision North San José** project best comprehensive plan for a large jurisdiction. The plan involves redeveloping the city's northern industrial area from a low-rise, auto-oriented collection of office parks into a medium density, vibrant urban center that is intended to be the premier location for Silicon Valley corporations focused on technology and innovation. Vision North San José is a master plan that accommodates development for 83,000 new jobs and 32,000 new housing units. A key element of the plan is the clustering of jobs and housing close together along the light rail corridor in order to maximize travel by transit, walking and biking. In addition, the plan includes \$570 million in transportation improvements and is financed mostly by a traffic impact fee on new development. **Vision North San José** was developed as a joint effort between the City's Planning Department, Office of Economic Development, Redevelopment Agency, and Department of Transportation.



### Development News

*Get the Latest Info in Your In-Box*

*Development News*, the new electronic newsletter from the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department, covers the people, projects and policies shaping the future of San José. With a monthly subscription, you'll be among the first to hear about development process streamlining efforts, service enhancements, local development data and trends, project updates, training opportunities, and best practices. To subscribe to the newsletter and other development-related mailing lists go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/development/newsletter>



## SAN JOSE Soars

### Tearing it Down to Build it Up

*Major Airport Construction Begins in July*

*Yes, it will be a mess, but the results will be well worth the rubble. Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) begins the next major phase of construction this month to improve customer service, convenience, and competitiveness for business and leisure travelers.*

#### The Good:

The \$1.5 billion terminal improvement plan ultimately will replace Terminal C, originally opened in 1965, with a new Terminal B. It will also provide enhanced customer amenities and operational capability at Terminal A. In addition, the project includes a new 3400-space garage for the public and rental cars, and improved traffic circulation. The next stage begins with the construction of a Consolidated Security Checkpoint, a relocation and consolidation of all passenger and security check-in functions to a central lobby area. This will make check-in more efficient, and locate most of the food concessions “post security” for greater passenger convenience.

#### The Bad:

Rebuilding the airport will cause some inconvenience as terminal buildings are replaced and renovated,

airline gates and ticket offices are relocated and new roadways built. One of the most difficult challenges during construction will be satisfying the demand for parking until the new 3400-space consolidated rental car and public parking garage is completed in 2010. This means the relocation and reduction of the current Terminal C short-term parking area around the end of the year. The construction of a new connector ramp leading to Skyport Drive from the Terminal C Loop will begin in July and is scheduled to open in September. Unfortunately, building this temporary connector means closing the popular “cell phone waiting” lot in August. SJC is looking for an alternative location during construction.

#### The Lovely:

In two years the new concourse, the equivalent of a 160-story building lying on its side, will have nine gates, along with new dining and retail services. Its design is based on the concept of a “paseo” reflecting the heritage of our region with open spaces, airy walkways, and natural lighting.

SJC is already well on the way with the first visible element of the program, the North Concourse between Terminal C and Terminal A, where the steel framework for a quarter-mile long “horizontal high rise” is now taking shape. The last piece of steel will be hoisted into place on August 10, 2007 from dust to dazzle in just two and a half years, not a bad trade-off. For more information contact David Vossbrink at (408) 501-7656 or DVossbrink@sjc.org.



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## Soars *continued*

### Grabbing Big Air

*More Flights in the Works for Mineta San José International Airport*

Business and leisure travelers are now welcoming the addition of new air services for Mineta San José International Airport (SJC). From March 1 to July 1 of this year, eleven new flights have been added to the mix at SJC:

- Frontier Airlines has added four weekly nonstop flights to Cabo San Lucas
- Southwest has added two more daily flights to Las Vegas and a new flight each to Chicago/Midway and Burbank
- JetBlue has added a second daily flight to New York/JFK
- United Airlines has added a one-stop flight to Raleigh-Durham
- Delta has added a daily flight to Atlanta and four new daily flights to Los Angeles through Delta Connection to enhance its international service to Latin America

Airport staff is working with MAXjet to add another West Coast flight between the London area and San José. SJC has its sites on several other airlines about the advantages SJC offers for new domestic flights and international flights to Asia, Europe, Mexico, Tokyo, London and Canada. They continually work with community partners, such as San José Convention and Visitors Bureau Silicon Valley Leadership Group, to support more international services for San José.

SJC's continuing efforts to develop air services, the commitment of airlines to serve San José and Silicon Valley, and our Air Service Incentive Program are definitely beginning to pay dividends. For more information contact David Vossbrink at (408) 501-7656 or [DVossbrink@sjc.org](mailto:DVossbrink@sjc.org).

Non-Stop Anyone?

Totally over the layover? To vote for your personal picks for nonstop air service from San José, take our travelers' survey at <http://www.sjc.org>.

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## SAN JOSE **Streamlines**

### **Bond Bounty**

*San José Saves Millions in Interest Costs*

Following on the heels of the City's excellent general obligation credit ratings of Aa1/AA+/AA+, from Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch; the City sold \$90 million of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 in June. The 2007 Bonds were sold by competitive bid at a true interest cost of 4.52%. The City received bids from eight firms. Citigroup Capital Markets Inc. was the low bidder, offering to buy the 2007 Bonds at a true interest cost ("TIC") of 4.525341%. The spread between the lowest and highest bids was 0.052134%, representing a very competitive bond sale for the City.

When voters authorized the issuance of the Bonds, the ballot arguments assumed all bonds would pay interest at a 7.00% rate. The actual interest cost obtained for the Bonds, 4.52%, is significantly lower. For the Bonds issued in June 2007, this difference will save City taxpayers approximately \$38.7 million in interest costs. A homeowner with an assessed valuation of \$500,000 for example, will see average annual taxes of \$5.05 less than projection and a total of \$157 less than projection over the life of the Bonds.

Additionally, the City's high credit ratings produce taxpayer savings as well. The yields on the Series 2007 Bonds had an average spread of 0.22% below the Municipal Market Data's California GO Bond Index (an index used for market comparisons). The savings from the City's high credit rating will result in approximately \$955,000 in savings to San José taxpayers over the 30-year life of the Bonds. The 2007 Bonds mature over 30 years in equal annual amounts with a final maturity in 2037. For more information contact Julia Cooper at (408) 535-7011 or [Julia.Cooper@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Julia.Cooper@sanjoseca.gov).

### **City of San José Procurement Process Applauded**

*Streamlined Process Saves Time, Money and Let's the Sunshine In*

On June 15, 2007, the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury issued a report titled "San José's Restructured Procurement Process Applauded." The report recognizes that "after two years of coordinated effort by the City Council, City Attorney's and City Manager's Offices, the Finance Department, various staff members and outside suppliers, San José has drafted policies and procedures to create a more efficient, transparent, and resourceful procurement process."

The major changes to the City's procurement processes became effective April 12, 2007 with the adoption of an ordinance revamping the legal framework governing the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, and services. The change in the City's Municipal Code now authorizes the City Manager to sign contracts with a value up to \$1 million for materials, equipment, and supplies and up to \$250,000 for services (this excludes construction-related contracting activities.) The City Council enhanced transparency by voting in a mandatory protest period of contracts valued \$10,000 or above.

The Civil Grand Jury report concluded that "the method by which San José accomplished the restructuring of its procurement process illustrates how a unified, interdepartmental strategy, implemented by dedicated City officials and staff, can have a positive influence on public policy. This project also indicates that those in decision-making positions at San José are genuine when they promise to conduct their business under public purview." For more information contact Walter Rossmann at (408) 535-7051 or [Walter.Rossmann@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Walter.Rossmann@sanjoseca.gov).

# SAN JOSE Cares

## Teach Here, Rent Here--Right Here

*New Rental Assistance Program Getting Rave Reviews*

Silicon Valley's pricey rental market has kept bright new teachers out of San José classrooms—now there's an alternative. The San José Education Foundation in conjunction with the San José Mayor's Office created the Teach Here, Rent Here (THRH) program to provide rental assistance to teachers in the City of San José.

THRH provides the necessary initial capital for teachers to rent an apartment in San José. This program is an incentive to attract and retain teachers, especially math and science teachers. Teachers can use THRH grants to cover first and second month's rent, last month's rent, security deposit, or any combination to rent an apartment in San José. The grant provides a maximum of \$5,000 to any teacher who meets the economic and employment qualifications.

The Mayor's office and the San José Education Foundation have funded \$100,000 each and are actively seeking donations from other agencies and corporations. Qualifying teachers would have to teach in a public school in San José and earn no more than \$59,400. THRH will partner with the city's successful teacher home-ownership program, which has helped 587 of teachers buy their own home. For more information on the Teach Here, Rent Here program go to <http://www.sjhousing.org>.

## Committed to Customer & Community Service

*City's Fraud & Audit Whistleblower Hotline Celebrates Second Year*

**FRAUD AND AUDIT**  
Whistleblower Hotline



**(408) 535-8200**

The City of San José's Fraud and Audit Whistleblower Hotline will be celebrating its second anniversary in July. The Fraud and Audit Whistleblower Hotline provides employees and the public with multiple avenues to express their concerns regarding theft and/or misuse of City resources (e.g., cash, equipment, supplies or materials), record falsification, or improper activities by City officials, employees and contractors. There are several ways to report concerns to the Fraud and Audit Whistleblower Hotline.

You can:

- Call the Hotline at (408) 535-8200
- Fax the Hotline at (408) 535-8201
- Email the Hotline at [hotline@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:hotline@sanjoseca.gov)
- Submit your concern online using the Hotline's Online Complaint Form
- Send a letter to: Fraud and Audit Whistleblower Hotline  
c/o Office of Employee Relations  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
Council Chamber Wing, 2nd Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/employeeRelations/fraudAudit.asp>

## A Woman's Place is Building a Home

*Habitat for Humanity*

*Project Focuses on Women*

*Builders*

Habitat for Humanity of Silicon Valley (HHSV) dedicated its 39th home in Santa Clara County located at 312 Willow Street. This Habitat home is unique. It is the first home focused on using women builders and is the first handicapped accessible unit built by HHSV. The home will be occupied by a five-member household who contributed sweat equity in lieu of a downpayment. The home will carry a 30-year, 0% interest mortgage to Habitat. The project is in partnership with the City of San José. For more information go to <http://www.habitatsanjose.org>.

## SAN JOSE Conserves

### Urban EcoPark to Model Sustainability

*Re-use and environmental education promoted*

By this coming spring, San José residents will again have access to safe, free disposal of used batteries, excess paint, and unwanted pool and garden chemicals when a temporary facility opens on a 4-acre site owned by the City at 1608 Las Plumas Avenue. Since 2006, disposal of what is classified as “household hazardous waste” has been handled at one-day events hosted by Harker School or by requiring residents to drive to County-operated sites in Sunnyvale or San Martin.



At about the same time, the City will begin construction to develop the Las Plumas site into an Urban EcoPark offering recycled building supplies and materials, a “green enterprise” education center, an EcoPlayground, a Native American plant garden, and a composting education site. Plans call for the site to become a model for how to develop and operate a facility in an environmentally responsible manner based on energy and water efficiency and other strict standards.

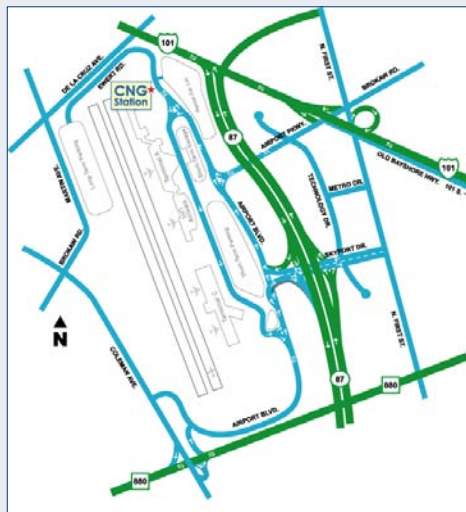
The household hazardous waste facility will be operated by Santa Clara County with joint funding from the City. The EcoPark is being designed by the City in conjunction with San José State University and the Center for Training and Careers. For more information on the Urban EcoPark contact Mary Tucker at [Mary.Tucker@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Mary.Tucker@sanjoseca.gov)

### Clean Fuel, Green Fuel, Cheap Fuel

*Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station Open to the Public*

The Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station at Mineta San José International Airport is now open to the public. Drivers of the Honda Civic GX, as well as light and heavy duty commercial vehicles that operate on CNG, can fuel up for \$2.19 per gallon (monthly price set for June 2007) and save the environment at the same time. The fully automated station is equipped with a self-help phone, open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day and accepts both Visa and MasterCard. There are two dispenser islands; one with 2 heavy-duty hoses for buses, and one with 6 light-duty fill hoses for cars, trucks and vans. The station serves vehicles rated for either 3,000 or 3,600 psi.

Natural gas is one of the cleanest burning alternative fuels available and offers a number of advantages over gasoline. In light-duty applications, air exhaust emissions from natural gas vehicles are much lower than those from gasoline-powered vehicles.



In addition, smog-producing gases, such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, are reduced by more than 90% and 60%, respectively and carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, is reduced by 30%-40%. For more information contact Thomas Stofflet at (408) 501-7701 or [tstofflet@sjc.org](mailto:tstofflet@sjc.org).



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## Conserves *continued*

### Starbird Youth Center Built with Recycled Materials

*Center Serves as a Model of Conservation*

The opening of the new Starbird Youth Center leads the City's Green Building Revolution. The Center, located at 1050 Boynton Road (intersection of Boynton Avenue and Williams Road) at Starbird Park, is built of recycled materials and is outfitted with a cool metal roof system. The 3,850 square foot facility fuses comfort, utility, and conservation. It was identified as a top priority for the Blackford Strong Neighborhood Advisory Committee in the Blackford Neighborhood Improvement Plan in 2002.

**The Center's contemporary design and stylish furnishings will welcome the neighborhood youth who come to play billiards, socialize in the lounge, or take classes in the**

**naturally illuminated rooms. Visitors will be greeted by a tall vaulted ceiling with upper clerestory operable windows designed to capture sunrays and allow the hot air to escape from the building. With the exception of the computer room, the youth center's cooling systems consists of a large fan designed to draw in the night air which is retained by the thermal mass provided by the double gypsum board walls and exposed concrete slab floor.**

The San José Redevelopment Agency contributed \$2.6 million to the completion of the \$3.1 million project. Park Trust Funds provided \$550,000 in additional funds. The City of San José's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services will manage the facility. The Agency plans to submit an application to have the Youth Center LEED certified.

The Youth Center is one of several San José Redevelopment Agency projects that have incorporated green building standards. Other projects include the Alum Rock Youth Center and the planned Edenvale Community Center. For more information, contact Helen de Runa at [Helen.Deruna@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Helen.Deruna@sanjoseca.gov).



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.....> **Conserves** *continued*

### Treatment Plant Gets the Platinum

*Public tours available by reservation*

The San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant received a Platinum Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in Washington, DC this month. The platinum level can only be attained by facilities that earn the gold level award for five straight years based on zero violations of the federal discharge permits.

Public tours of the Plant are being offered again based on advanced reservations. A fall series is being

planned for a weekend in September and groups of 20 to 50 can request private tours on weekdays or weekends. The Plant serves a 300-square mile area encompassing San José, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Saratoga, and Monte Sereno. For more information, contact Carolina Camarena at [carolina.camarena@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:carolina.camarena@sanjoseca.gov)

### Green Building is Hot Topic

*Sold-Out Summit a Boost to Local Economy, Neighborhoods*



The Green Building Summit in June sold out a week in advance, confirming local interest and the demand for providing even more information and assistance to builders and developers. More than 170 people attended the event, which doubled expectations. Peter Liu, one of several speakers and a founding investor of New Resource Bank, talked about how building green revitalizes neighborhoods and improves a local economy. The City will be hiring a green building planner in the new fiscal year to help satisfy increasing requests. For more information on Green Building visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/natural-energy-resources/greenbuilding.htm>

### Water-saving Tips for Companies

*Cooling Towers Can Use Recycled Water*

How can you save a billion more gallons of potable water a year? If the 20 companies attending a City-hosted technical workshop in June all connected their cooling towers to the nearest recycled water pipeline that's a billion gallons of drinking water saved. How-to information and case studies were provided by experts from industry and San José State University in tandem with officials from the City's Environmental Services Department.

The City administers South Bay Water Recycling, which delivers water to San José, Santa Clara and Milpitas through water retailers. Forward-thinking SJSU has been a customer since 1999, but the Metcalf Energy Center on Monterrey Road wins the prize as the system's largest single user.

## SAN JOSE .....> Plays



### Grand Plans for the Grand Prix

*3rd Annual Race Event Ready to Roar*

July 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2007, the City of San José will start its engines. The 3rd Annual San José Grand Prix will turn downtown San José into a world-class racing campus for a weekend of exciting fun. City and race officials expect that this three-day event will bring in excess of 100,000 racing fans and spectators to the downtown area. For 2008, the San José Grand Prix and its partners have teamed up to give motorsports fans a full day of racing...for FREE! Called "Fast Friday," this promotion al-

lows fans to receive a free general admission ticket to the opening day, Friday, July 27. "I am pleased that the Grand Prix has created the "Fast Friday" program which gives local residents the chance to experience this event at no cost," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "I encourage San José residents to take advantage of this opportunity. We welcome all racing enthusiasts from throughout the Bay Area to enjoy the race and experience the hospitality of downtown San José." For information about obtaining free vouchers, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/grandprix>

## SAN JOSE .....> Conserves *continued*

### Mercury in a Bottle

*Big Turnout for Thermometer Exchange*

559 thermometers plus a pound of mercury in a small shampoo bottle were collected from approximately 300 residents at two Mercury Thermometer Exchange events in San José. Additional events are being planned for August and September in conjunction with National Pollution Prevention Week. For more information or upcoming events go to <http://www.baywise.info>

## SAN JOSE Plays *continued*

### 2008 USA Olympic Team to go from San José to Beijing

*U.S. Olympic Committee Selects San José and San José State University for  
U.S. Olympic Team Processing Site*

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) chose San José State University (SJSU) and the City of San José as the site for U.S. Olympic Team processing for the 2008 Games in Beijing.

USOC Chief Executive Officer, an Olympic wrestler who competed in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. “We are excited to come to San José, and from here, to prepare and send our Olympic Team to Beijing.

**“Going through team processing is a significant, special moment in the life of an Olympian,” said Jim Scherr, USOC Chief Executive Officer, an Olympic wrestler who competed in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. “We are excited to come to San José, and from here, to prepare and send our Olympic Team to Beijing. San José and San José State have a rich Olympic heritage and have long been supportive of America’s Olympic movement. Because of this, along with the university’s excellent location and facilities, the USOC is pleased to select San José State for our 2008 team processing.”**

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More than 600 U.S. Olympic Team members, coaches and officials will gather by teams at the university during late July and early August 2008 for two-day stays. Athletes will participate in team briefings, apparel distribution, medical screenings and training before departing for Beijing, where one of the most important Olympic Games in recent history will be held Aug. 8-24, 2008.

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San José and San José State University have hosted a variety of events in the Olympic Movement including the Titan Games in 2003 and various national and international sports competitions in Olympic sports throughout the years. San José was the site of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Rhythmic Gymnastics and Trampoline, and Judo and Tae kwon do — both held in the San José State Event Center — for

the 2004 Athens Olympic Games. HP Pavilion at San José and the McEnery Convention Center will be the site of the Visa Championships in August, the national championships of USA Gymnastics and a preview of next year’s U.S. gymnastics team. For more information, please contact USOC Communications 719-866-4529, San José State University Media Relations Specialist Pat Lopes Harris at 408-924-1748 or San José Sports Authority Communications Director Jody Meacham at (408) 288-2930.